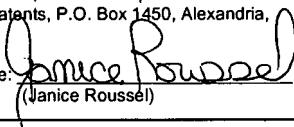
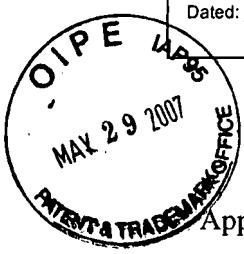


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby respond to the Examiner's restriction requirement set forth in the Office Communication dated March 23, 2007.

To be completely responsive to the Office Action, and without acquiescing in the propriety of the restriction requirement, Applicants elect to pursue Group IV (claims 23-35) drawn to a method of detecting a gene activation event comprising the use of a peptide-tagged lipocalin reporter expressed in a transgenic non-human animal, wherein the lipocalin is β -lactoglobulin. The Examiner has also required species elections for 1) an epitope selected from SEQ ID NOs: 1-12 and, 2) one or a combination of promoter elements from those listed in claims 29-30. To comply with the species requirements, Applicants elect 1) SEQ ID NO: SEQ ID No. 1 which is EQKLISEEDL from c-myc, and 2) promoter element Cyp1a1. Applicants also reserve the right to file a supplemental response

A Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed herewith. No additional fees are believed to be due. However, if such a fee is due or a credit is owed, please make them to our Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

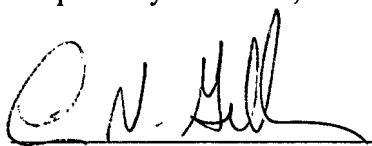
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The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below in order to expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: May 23, 2007



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